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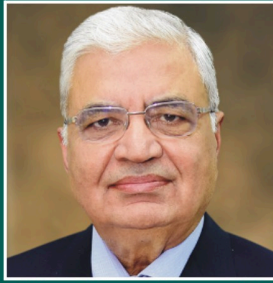
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Gandhara Hindko Academy Continues Promotion of Pakistani Languages Despite Financial Challenges

Gandhara Hindko Board General Secretary and Chief Executive of Gandhara Hindko Academy, Muhammad Ziauddin, has said that Gandhara Hindko Academy has been serving the cause of research, creative writing, preservation and promotion of Hindko and other Pakistani languages for the past eleven years.

He stated that the Academy was established under the Government of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and Gandhara Hindko Board with the objective of safeguarding Pakistan's rich linguistic and cultural heritage. Over the years, the Academy has expanded its activities beyond Hindko and has actively worked for a wide range of regional languages spoken across the country, including Pashto, Gojri, Kohistani, Khowar, Punjabi, Saraiki, Potohari, Sindhi, Balochi, Brahui, Shina, Balti, Wakhi, Kashmiri and Pahari.

According to Muhammad Ziauddin, Gandhara Hindko Academy has successfully organized seven International Hindko Conferences and nine Regional Languages



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Conferences. These forums brought together scholars, researchers, linguists and literary figures from different parts of Pakistan and abroad. The research papers presented at these conferences were carefully preserved and later published in

Muhammad Ziauddin expressed concern over the suspension of government funding during the last three years. He noted that although funds were allocated twice under the

internationally. Through these journals, writers and researchers from different linguistic backgrounds are provided with opportunities to publish their work and contribute to the development of regional languages.

Annual Development Programme (ADP) of the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Government, the discontinuation of financial support has created serious challenges for the institution. Despite these difficulties, the Academy has continued its activities through self-help efforts and remains committed to serving the cause of

language preservation and promotion.

He reiterated that Gandhara Hindko Academy will continue its mission of protecting and promoting mother languages and providing a platform for literary and cultural expression for future generations.



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book form, creating a valuable academic resource for future researchers.

The Academy has also established a strong publication network. More than eighteen literary, cultural and research journals are being published under its umbrella. These publications have gained recognition not only at the regional level but also nationally and

Gandhara Hindko Board's Digital Media Outreach Wins Appreciation

The growing digital presence of Gandhara Hindko Board and Gandhara Hindko Academy has received widespread appreciation from literary, academic and cultural circles for its contribution to the promotion of regional languages and literature.

Recognizing the importance of modern communication platforms, the Academy has expanded its activities beyond traditional print media and established a strong presence on digital and social media platforms. Through these channels, the institution regularly shares newspapers, journals, books, literary articles, research papers, news reports and photographs related to its activities.

Every week, the latest edition of *Weekly Hindkowan* is circulated among readers, while journals and newsletters published under the Gandhara umbrella are

also distributed electronically. The Academy uses platforms such as Facebook, WhatsApp and other digital networks to ensure that its publications reach a broader audience both within Pakistan and

among overseas communities interested in regional languages and culture.

The institution currently publishes more than eighteen journals in different languages and formats, including fortnightly, monthly,

quarterly, biannual and annual publications. These digital initiatives have enabled readers, researchers and literary enthusiasts to access valuable content more conveniently and have strengthened engagement with younger audiences.

According to Academy officials, the positive response received through social media demonstrates a growing interest in regional language literature and cultural heritage. Readers regularly interact with the Academy's content, share publications with others

and contribute feedback that helps improve future editions.

The digital outreach programme is being carried out under the supervision of Muhammad Ziauddin, General Secretary of Gandhara Hindko Board and Chief

Executive of Gandhara Hindko Academy. He emphasized that the Academy will continue utilizing modern technology alongside traditional publishing methods to preserve and promote Pakistan's linguistic and cultural diversity.

Literary circles have praised these efforts and described the Academy's digital strategy as an effective model for promoting regional languages in the

contemporary media landscape. The institution remains committed to expanding its digital footprint and ensuring that the rich literary heritage of Pakistan's languages reaches audiences across the world.



Gandhara Hindko Academy Holds 403rd Weekly Administrative Meeting

Gandhara Hindko Academy, operating under the Gandhara Hindko Board, held its 403rd Weekly General Administrative Meeting at the Board's sub-office located at Karim Plaza, New Rampura Gate, Hashtnagri, Peshawar.

The meeting was chaired by Muhammad Ziauddin, General Secretary of Gandhara Hindko Board and Chief Executive of Gandhara Hindko Academy. Participants included staff members Ali Owais Khayal, Muhammad Nouman Qayum, Bilal

Ahmad and Muslim Javed.

The meeting reviewed the Academy's ongoing activities and discussed plans for upcoming literary, cultural and academic programmes. Participants exchanged views on administrative affairs, publication schedules, digital outreach and future projects aimed at promoting Hindko and other regional languages.

Speaking on the occasion, Muhammad Ziauddin appreciated the dedication and teamwork shown by the staff during the recent relocation of the Academy's office

to the Gandhara Hindko Board premises. He commended the staff for completing the transfer in a disciplined and efficient manner within a limited timeframe.

The chair also assigned new responsibilities to staff members and emphasized the importance of maintaining the momentum of literary and research activities. He noted that regular weekly meetings have been held continuously since 2015, reflecting the Academy's commitment to effective administration, planning and institutional development.

Gandhara Hindko Board Continues Work on New Journals and Publications

Gandhara Hindko Board and Gandhara Hindko Academy continue their efforts to promote language, literature and culture through an extensive programme of publications, conferences, workshops and literary activities.

Over the years, the institution has emerged as one of the leading organizations working for the preservation and promotion of Hindko and other Pakistani languages. More than 500 books covering various languages, literary traditions and cultural themes have been published under the auspices of Gandhara Hindko Board and Gandhara Hindko Academy. These publications have contributed significantly to academic research and literary development in Pakistan.

In addition to book publishing, the Academy regularly organizes International Hindko Conferences, Regional Languages Conferences, literary gatherings, workshops and



cultural events that provide platforms for writers, scholars and researchers from diverse linguistic backgrounds.

A major component of the Academy's work is its publication programme.

Around twenty journals, newsletters and periodicals are published under its supervision. These include *Hindko Adab*, a literary magazine dedicated to creative writing in Hindko; *Gandhara*, a research journal focusing on language and literature; *Gandhara Voice*, which highlights the activities and achievements of the Academy; and *Gandhara News*, an English-language newsletter carrying translations and summaries of Hindko news and literary developments. Other notable publications include *Khovar Nama* from Chitral, *Kotul Rang* from Kohat, *Gomal Rang* representing Saraiki literature from Dera Ismail Khan, *Watan Kohistan*, *Chini Khana*, *Hindkowan Online*, *Weekly Hindkowan*, *Sargi Da Tara* from Hazara, *Fatima*, *Pakistan Journal of Languages* and the *Yahya Khalid Memorial Newsletter*.

Sitara-i-Imtiaz Conferred Upon Zia-ul-Haq Sarhadi for Outstanding National Services

The Government of Pakistan has conferred the prestigious Sitara-i-Imtiaz upon Zia-ul-Haq Sarhadi, Executive Member of Gandhara Hindko Board, President of the Abaseen Columnists Association, Executive Member of the Sarhad Chamber of Commerce and Industry, and a distinguished businessman, social worker and journalist.

The award was presented by Governor Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Faisal Karim Kundi during a special ceremony held at the Governor House, Peshawar. The civil award was announced by President Asif Ali Zardari in recognition of Mr. Sarhadi's long-standing contributions to journalism, trade, social welfare and national development.

Zia-ul-Haq Sarhadi has remained associated with public service and

journalism for several decades. He is widely respected for his efforts in promoting Pakistan-Afghanistan trade relations and facilitating dialogue on economic and social issues. As a senior columnist and analyst, he has regularly contributed to leading newspapers and publications, offering informed perspectives on national and international affairs.

His journey in journalism began in 1980 when he started writing columns professionally. His widely-read column "Yaqeen-e-Muhkam" earned popularity among readers and established him as a respected voice in Pakistani journalism. In addition to Urdu journalism, he has also contributed significantly to Hindko-language writing and literature.

Mr. Sarhadi is also known for his interest in Sufism and intellectual discourse. His



published book, *Roshni Kay Safeer* (Messengers of Light), reflects his engagement with spiritual and social themes.

Members of literary, journalistic, business and social circles have congratulated Zia-ul-Haq Sarhadi on receiving the Sitara-i-Imtiaz and described the award as a recognition of his lifelong

Gandhara Hindko Board Peshawar has launched a significant and far-reaching publishing initiative aimed at promoting the Hindko language, literature, and culture. Under this project, books written in Hindko as well as other Pakistani languages will be published in accordance with modern publishing standards to preserve valuable literary and scholarly works and make them accessible to future generations.

The initiative seeks to strengthen the development of Hindko language and literature, encourage local authors and researchers, and preserve rare literary and academic material in book form. Under the project, authors and researchers will enter into formal publication agreements with Gandhara Hindko Board, while the printing and production of books will be carried out in a professional and high-quality manner.

Muhammad Ziauddin, General Secretary of Gandhara Hindko Board and Chief

A Major Publishing Initiative for Hindko Books

Executive Committee of Gandhara Hindko Academy, stated that the Board has been serving language and literature for several decades. Numerous books published under its banner have received recognition at the

national level and have also been honored with awards from various literary and academic institutions.

He added that the new publishing project will provide an effective platform for Hindko writers, poets, researchers, and young authors to bring their creative and scholarly works before a wider audience. According to him, the preservation and dissemination of the rich literary and intellectual heritage of the Hindko language require continuous publication of quality books.

He described the initiative as an important milestone in the literary services of Gandhara Hindko Board. Literary circles have welcomed the project and expressed hope that it will contribute significantly to the promotion, preservation, and development of Hindko language and literature in the years to come.